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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO DECLINE

1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST STATISTICS COMPLIED BY THE EC COMMISSION
UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECLINING IN ALL MEMBER STATES EXCEPT ITALY.
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IS CURRENTLY 5,387,067 AS COMPARED
WITH 5,567,370 REGISTERED IN THE EC CHARTS LAST MONTH.

2. THE MOST RECENT STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	MAR. 76	PERCENT	FEB. 76	PERCENT	NOTE
BELGIUM	221,369	8.4	226,246	8.6	3

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GERMANY	1,190,157	5.2	1,346,723	5.9	2
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IRELAND	113,562	10.1	114,410	10.2	1
NETHERLANDS	218,902	5.6	238,097	6.2	2
GREAT BRITAIN	1,234,583	5.4	1,253,427	5.5	2
N.IRELAND	50,332	9.7	50,989	9.8	2

	FEB. 76	PERCENT	JAN. 76	PERCENT	NOTE
DENMARK	143,800	7.0	155,300	7.6	2
FRANCE	978,876	5.7	1,017,357	5.9	2
LUXEMBOURG	429	0.3	521	0.4	2

	JAN. 76	PERCENT	DEC. 75	PERCENT	NOTE
ITALY	1,235,057	6.2	1,164,300	5.9	1

TOTALS	5,387,067		5,567,370		
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NOTES:

- 1) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE WORKING POPULATION
- 2) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE TOTAL OF EMPLOYEES;
- 3) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUNDS;

3. EC STATISTICS ARE DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM THE LABOR MINISTRIES OF THE NINE AND ARE NOT EXACTLY COMPARABLE BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE CALCULATED BY DIFFERENT METHODS IN VARIOUS MEMBER STATES.

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